

## GAVE MRS. RUSSELL MISTLETOE KISSES.

Witness Testifies That There  
Was No Wrong in His  
Osculations.

Husband Russell, However, Thinks  
He Ought to Have a  
Divorce.

Accuses His Wife, Among Other Things,  
of Cruel and Inhuman  
Treatment.

HIT HIM WITH A STOVE LIFTER.

Landlord Had to Come Down Stairs and Sop  
Up the Blood—"If You Hear a Noise  
You Will Know I Am On'  
Doing Him Up."

John Henry Russell's suit for separation  
against his wife, May, was on trial before  
Justice Dickey in the Supreme Court,  
Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. The de-  
fendant is a pretty young woman, the  
daughter of L. Drury, of No. 244 South Sec-  
ond street, Brooklyn.

The Russells were married in 1888, and  
have three children, the oldest a boy of  
five years. They went to live with her  
parents in their South Second street resi-  
dence and remained there till 1895. Then  
Mr. Russell claims his father-in-law put  
him out of the house. He rented a flat in  
South Fifth street and took his family  
there. They separated on May 10, 1896.  
Russell says his wife took all the fur-  
niture out of the house when he was away  
at business.

Since their separation Mrs. Russell has  
sued him for support in the Police Court.  
Russell sued for an absolute divorce be-  
fore Judge Gaynor last Spring, but this  
was denied.

Russell accuses his wife of cruel and in-  
human treatment. He says he was in ill  
health in 1894 and 1895. On one occasion,  
he said, she chased him around the room,  
pushed him over the bed and chairs, and  
tried to jump out of the window.

During this time, he said, his wife used  
to stay out late and neglected the chil-  
dren. She even threatened to bring her  
gentlemen friends into the house. Mr.  
Russell claimed that he had to call in Mr.  
Ann, his landlord, to protect him.

On one of these occasions Mrs. Russell  
said to Mr. John, who lived upstairs: "If  
you hear any noise upstairs you will know  
I am doing him up."

On May 10 she hit him with a stove-  
lifter, and Mr. John had to come down and  
sop up the blood. She then got a revolver  
and snatched it at him twice, but it failed  
to shoot.

On New Year's, 1896, Mrs. Russell had  
callers, and she kissed the men as they  
came in. She used to get letters from  
them, which she kept in a small locker.

Henry J. Richardson, an old friend of the  
Drury family, was called as a witness for  
the defense.

The witness testified that he had kissed  
Mrs. Russell one New Year's when he  
called.

"That you considered a sort of a mis-  
tlemist," asked Justice Dickey.

"On, certainly," replied the witness.  
"But did you not kiss Mrs. Russell on  
other occasions?" asked the counsel for  
Russell.

"Yes."

"How many times?"

"Perhaps twice besides that New Year  
occasion."

"Since she was married?" asked the  
Justice.

"Yes."

"Well, were those mistlemist occasions?"  
asked the counsel.

"Well, yes; sort of," replied the witness,  
with a smile, "there was always some of  
her family there."

Court adjourned at this point until 10  
a. m. to-day, when Mr. Richardson will  
be further cross-examined.

**BOY WITH A BAD RECORD.**  
Eleven-Year-Old Thomas Brogan Accused of  
Burglary.

Thomas Brogan, the eleven-year-old boy,  
of No. 111 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, who  
broke into the toy store at No. 115 and  
the butcher shop at No. 101 Fifth avenue,  
was committed to the care of the Chil-  
dren's Society by Justice Tlape yesterday.

The lad has been arrested six times in  
one year, three times for petty larceny,  
once for vagrancy and twice for burglary.

Henry Silcock, a youngster who was ar-  
rested as Brogan's accomplice, says the  
latter forced him to take part in the  
"times alleged. Ten dollars' worth of toys  
were taken from the toy store and a nick-  
elated check from the butcher shop.

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## Drama and Comedy in Brooklyn Theatres.

Fanny Davenport's Fedora is one of the  
impersonations that has stood the test of  
time—the only true test of the value of a  
dramatic production. With it she opened  
Christmas week in the Columbia last night.  
There was quite a large audience, and in  
it were many admirers of the star. Miss  
Davenport announces that this season will  
be her last in Sardou's works. She is cer-  
tainly closing her career as the heroine of  
the French dramatist's works with her best  
efforts. "Fedora" will be repeated to-night  
and to-morrow afternoon. To-morrow night  
and the rest of the week "Cleopatra" will  
be played.

**Montauk Theatre.**  
Charles Fadden "didn't do a thing to 'em"  
at the Montauk last night. That is prob-  
ably the way E. W. Townsend's Bowers  
boy would put it, but as a matter of fact  
Charles did many things. He kept a large  
audience amused for several hours and then  
sent them home to the sound sleep that fol-  
lows hearty laughter. Charles, by the way,  
played the part of the hero, and played  
it well. Others in the company who did  
good work were Marie Bates, Fanny  
Davenport, George Nash, Will Cooper,  
John Ford, W. H. Sheldon, Barney Rey-  
nolds, Bell Franklin and Bernice Wheeler.

**Therese Theatre.**  
Take a pencil and a piece of paper, and  
with the pencil mark on the piece of paper  
a big round O. That is the plot of "A  
Boy Wanted." Then smear the paper with  
mud and frost carefully with diamond  
pencil. That is the dialogue of "A Boy  
Wanted," the press agent says, and the  
press agent is not far from right. The  
play was written by Charles E. Blaney and  
presented in the Bion last night by his  
brother, Harry Clay Blaney. It is really  
a very cleverly constructed setting for Mr.  
Blaney, who has the laugh making faculty.  
There are twenty-five bright performers  
with the star. Among them are O'Neill  
Wilson, Frank Young and a chorus of pretty  
girls.

**American Theatre.**  
"The Ensign," a healthy melodrama with  
no cheap sensationalism in its make-up,  
opened the week in the American Theatre.  
The play is founded upon an incident of the  
civil war. The sentiment is thoroughly  
patriotic. The hero is a young naval offi-  
cer, and his adventures are well worked  
into the drama. A pretty love story runs  
through the action, and one of the charac-  
ters is Abraham Lincoln. The company  
presenting the play is above the average,  
and is headed by Miss Bessie Taylor.

**Park Theatre.**  
"Dorena" is merely a comic opera, or  
rather an operatic comedy, as the pro-  
gramme styles it. The Paulsons wrote the  
lines and Clement Loehane and Walter  
Elyse put the music together. The Eva  
Davenport Operatic Company, with Eva  
herself at the head, sang it. As Sultan  
Mugby, the jealous husband, Fred Fear-  
does some clever work. William Brodie  
poses a good deal as Lord Lombourne.

**Amphion Theatre.**  
"The Milk White Flag" was the attraction  
in the Amphion last night. Hoyt's satirical  
ting at the militia pleased a large audi-  
ence. Of course, the Amphion stage was  
crowded with pretty girls. They are part  
and parcel of the Hoyt comedy. Belle  
Archer was the dashing widow. Harry  
Gulfford whistled sweetly. Others in the  
cast were George Schiller and Neall B.  
Snyder.

**Other Theatres.**  
"A Texas Steer" is being presented at the  
Grand Opera House.  
Manager Laurent Howard has an excel-  
lent vaudeville at the Brooklyn Music Hall.  
The Flying Jordans are among the per-  
formers at Hyde & Behnman's.  
Sam Jack's Bull Fight Show are at the  
Empire Theatre.  
Weber & Fields' variety show is being  
given at the Gaiety.  
Vanity Fair, with a funny elephant in  
the cast, is at the Star.

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## FOUND CHILD ON FIRE.

Mrs. Frombach Left Rosa Rocking Her Doll,  
and When She Returned the Little  
One Was in Flames.

Mrs. Herman Frombach dressed her  
three-year-old child, Rosa, at their home,  
Seckman street and Eastern Parkway,  
Brooklyn, yesterday morning and gave the  
little one her doll. Rosa toddled around  
the room humming a tune to put "dolly to  
sleep."

Mrs. Frombach watched the child's  
movements as she paced to and fro hugging  
the doll to her breast.

Rosa finally placed the doll in a toy  
crib and then sat in a chair in front of  
the stove. Mrs. Frombach dressed herself  
preparatory to going to a grocery. Fear-  
ing that the child might be uncomfortable,  
she wrapped a blanket around her and  
started out, telling the little one she would  
soon return.

A live coal dropped from the stove and  
fell on the floor, setting fire to the blanket  
that encircled the child. It ate its way  
through the textile and set it ablaze, burn-  
ing and blistering the little one's body.  
Mrs. Frombach was absent only ten min-  
utes, but Rosa's doom was sealed in less  
time than that.

When the mother opened the door she  
found her child enveloped in fire, screaming  
and helpless.

Mrs. Frombach uttered a piteous cry for  
help. Moses Barnowitz, a neighbor, who  
heard it, ran into her room. He realized  
the situation. Picking up a piece of car-  
pet he threw it around the child, quenching  
the flames. The child was almost black  
from fire and smoke.

Dr. Shea, of St. Mary's Hospital, and  
Dr. Adlerman were summoned. They did  
all in their power to save the little one,  
but she died in an hour.

**ANDERSON BADLY USED UP.**  
Fell from the Masthead and Crushed by an  
Elevated Train.

John A. Anderson, fifty-seven years old,  
a retired sea captain, is suing the Brook-  
lyn Elevated Railroad for \$25,000 damages  
for personal injuries. He tried to board  
one of the defendant's trains at Forty-  
sixth street and Third avenue on October  
5, 1894. He caught in the gate and was  
dragged for some distance and crushed  
against the station.

He said he fell from the masthead of his  
ship to the deck when at sea, and was  
permanently injured.  
The accident on the railroad opened up  
three old wounds, and now he is a cripple  
for life.

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## DR. FUNK BEFORE THE GRAND JURY.

The Temperance Advocate  
Testifies Against Brook-  
lyn Officials.

Tells What He Knows About  
Violations of the  
Raines Law.

Is Supported in His Charges by Sev-  
eral Clergymen and  
Other Witnesses.

ACCUSED MEN ALSO ON THE STAND.

District-Attorney Backus, Police Commissioner  
Welles, Superintendent McKelvey and  
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Lenox Road M. E. Church, Flatbush; T.  
De Quincey Tully and John Berry, respec-  
tively secretary and treasurer of the Law  
Enforcement Society, and A. H. Walker,  
of the Prohibition League.

These witnesses were summoned before  
the inquest in turn.

Assistant District-Attorney Welles con-  
ducted the investigation in behalf of his  
chief. Once during the forenoon Mr.  
Backus himself was sent for.

All of the big police officials were called  
in the afternoon. Commissioner Welles  
appeared anxious to face his accuser in the  
Grand Jury room.

Superintendent McKelvey loitered about  
the corridors of the Court House all after-  
noon until he was called. Deputy Super-  
intendent John MacKellar was also a wit-  
ness.

**AFTER THE SCHOOL BOARD**  
Jamaica Colored People Complain Against  
Principals, Teachers and Board  
of Education.

Jamaica, L. I., Dec. 21.—In spite of the  
fact that Supreme Court Justice Osborne  
has refused to grant an application for a  
mandamus, made by Mrs. Green, to compel  
Judge Wood to issue warrants for the ar-  
rest of members of the Board of Education  
of this city for refusing to admit colored  
children to white schools, Judge Wood has  
again been served with an affidavit based  
upon a similar state of facts. Isaac E.  
Phillips now asks "For a warrant of ar-  
rest of superintendent, principals, teach-  
ers and the said Board of Education, under  
section 233 of the Penal Code."

Judge Woods has eight days in which to  
act upon the matter. Application will be  
made for a mandamus. Alfred C. Cowan  
is attorney for Mr. Phillips.

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